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**REMARKS**

The preliminary amendment submitted herewith includes no new matter. It is also noted there are no changes to the claims or abstract. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner allow the application to proceed to issuance.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in this patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 439.6500. Reconsideration of this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

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